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### 1. The Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the edition of the USP and National Formulary (NF) from which the test used is taken. Support for this amendment can be found at least at page 35, line 9. Claim 18 has been added to recite a particularly preferred embodiment that is supported at least by claims 1, 2 and 7.

It is thus seen that no new matter has been added.

### 2. Summary

Claim 1 has been amended as noted during a helpful interview with the Examiner. Claims 1, 2 and 7 have been rewritten together as new claim 18.

Each of the bases for rejection was been dealt with and overcome or made moot in the prior response. It is therefore believed that this application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Counsel apologizes for miscounting the number of independent claims in the previous response, and for any inconvenience that may have caused. The number of independent

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claims was one and is now two, a number permitted without an added claim fee.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.


Respectfully submitted,

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